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PAVING SCHEDULED ON WASHINGTON STREET IN CLAREMONT TRAFFIC SHIFT ALSO PLANNED ON CHARLES P. PUKSTA BRIDGE

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces plans to pave the remaining widened areas of Washington Street (NH Route 11/103) in Claremont on Friday and Saturday October 10 and 11, 2003 (weather permitting). This will allow traffic to be shifted back to its normal pattern the week of October 13, with two travel lanes east and two lanes west.

A traffic shift is also scheduled for the week beginning Monday October 6 on the Charles P. Puksta Bridge, allowing the final phase of bridge work to begin. Work on the North Street intersection is now scheduled for next year due to utility delays. New traffic light installations are scheduled for completion this year at Bowen Street and Winter Street, with greatly improved traffic flow through the intersections expected.

This project includes the reconstruction of two major sections of Washington Street, repairs to the bridge over the Sugar River, and reconstruction and widening of the North Street intersection with improved signalization.

R.S. Audley, Inc. of Bow, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$5.8 million project, which is scheduled for completion in 2004.